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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,  
AUGUST 06, 2003

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for August 06, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Turkiye / In Sivas, The Supreme Court reversed the lower court decision and ordered a soldier who lost his two legs during a clash with PKK to pay his compensation and interest back to the government (Total 130 billion TL). The officials repossessed his house and car while he is in Germany for treatment.

ECONOMICAL

3. Zaman / Zahir Kandasoglu, Head of the Chamber of Commerce in Van announced that the law approving the opening of the Border Trade Center in Van should be approved by the government before the Parliament's official closure.

4. Sabah Guney / Serdar Mercan, Head of Adana Health Authorities announced that in summer there are more reported cases of typhoid, dysentery, hepatitis and common diarrhea in the region.

5. Express, Bolge, Milliyet / Aytac Durak, Mayor of Adana announced after a meeting with the members of the Chamber of Commerce that the area planned for the Industrial Fair would be ready with all the facilities by October 6.

6. Cumhuriyet / Sanliurfa Health Authorities started a campaign for the donation of unused medicines to the health centers.  
HART